Watergate Roundup

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Richardson, Cox Are Sworn-In

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harvard University Law Prof. Archibald Cox took over the government's Watergate investigation Friday. Elliot L. Richardson was sworn in as attorney general.

President Nixon heard Richardson take the oath of office, administered by Chief Justice Warren Burger in a showy White House ceremony.

But the President flew off for a weekend at the Florida White House before Cox quietly took his oath as special prosecutor at the Justice Department.

The President announced that Richardson, 52, who had been secretary of Defense, will retain his seat on the National Security Council.

On Thursday Nixon had lashed out at "those who steal secrets." He appeared to underscore this concern for national security by placing the nation's chief law-enforcement officer on the government's top security panel.

In other Watergate developments Friday:

—The three major networks announced a plan by which they will take turns televising the Senate's Watergate hearings when they resume June 5 after a week's holiday break. The Senate Watergate committee has not announced which witnesses it will hear then. Under the rotation arrangement, NBC will televise the hearings June 5, CBS June 6 and ABC June 7.

—The New York Times and the Washington Star-News reported that Jeb S. Magruder, former second-in-command at the Nixon re-election campaign, is the figure who has promised prosecutors he will plead guilty and testify against others in the case. It isn't clear what charges Magruder may face, but he has been accused informally of perjury, pressuring another to commit perjury, and planning the Watergate wiretapping itself.

—Magruder, who resigned April 26 from a $36,000-a-year policy job at the Commerce Department, was found to have been rehired last Monday by President Nixon's inaugural committee at an undisclosed salary. The job is temporary. The committee goes out of existence in a week.